



City News In Brief

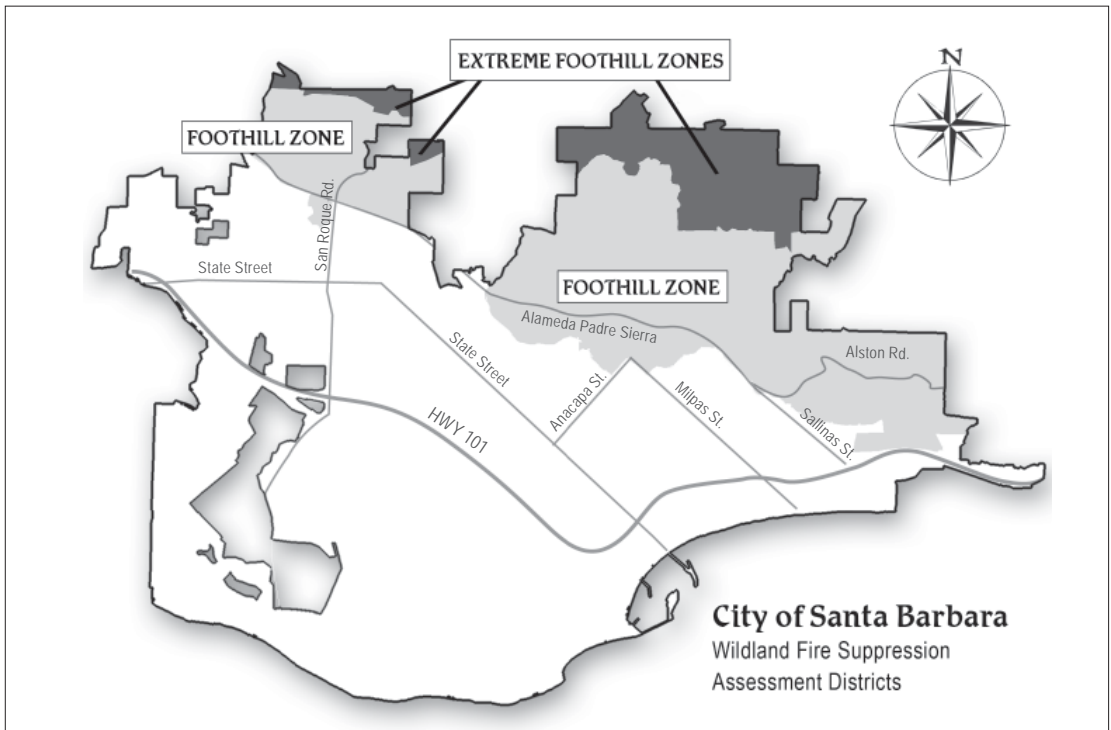
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APPROVAL OF WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The City of Santa Barbara's Fire Department is pleased to announce the City Council's approval of the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District. This will provide consistent funding for additional wildland fire services in the foothill's high fire hazard areas to reduce the severity and damage from wildland fires. The proceeds from the assessment will go towards:

- expansion of the vegetation road clearance program to cover all public roads within the foothill high fire hazard area in the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones (expanding this program will reduce fuel, enhance evacuation routes, and decrease fire response times);
- implementation of a defensible space and fire prevention inspection and assistance program for all properties in the foothill high fire hazard area in the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones; and
- implementation of a Vegetation Management Program in the foothill high fire hazard area in the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones.

For more information, please contact the City of Santa Barbara's Fire Department at 965-5254.



To our valued readers: Due to the large number of city water customers and 20 different billing cycles, bills are mailed on a staggered basis throughout the month. For that reason, some of the dates and information contained in "City News in Brief" may be out of date by the time your water bill reaches you.




Streaming Video Takes Off!

City Council meetings are now only a click away on the Internet! Starting Tuesday, August 1st, at 2:00 p.m. (PT), it will be possible to view the "streaming video" of City Council meetings. City residents may observe a "live" meeting or any part of an archived meeting "on demand." In addition to these meetings, you can also watch programs that are televised on City-TV Channel 18 such as "Inside Santa Barbara" on the Internet. The video will be streamed on the City of Santa Barbara's website, www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov under the "City Videos" Quick Link.

This pilot project is part of the City's goal to increase access to City Government as well as communication with City staff and the public.


A group of city employees have been working together to make sure that the new streaming video technology takes off successfully. The public is invited to a presentation of this pilot project at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 1st, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

For more information, please contact Tom Doolittle, Information Systems Manager, at (805) 564-5472 or Cyndi Rodriguez, City Clerk Services Manager at (805) 564-5310.



CITY-TV PRESENTS...


GARDEN WISE GUYS



GOT A QUESTION FOR THE GARDEN WISE GUYS?


Garden Wise Guys is a 30-minute TV show on sustainable landscaping that airs Sundays at 9:00 P.M. on City-TV, Channel 18. Visit www.citytv18.com/garden.htm and submit a question about your landscape.

In future episodes of Garden Wise Guys, we will feature one question and hosts Owen Dell and Billy Goodnick will give you an answer!



TUNE IN SUNDAYS AT 9:00 P.M.

CITY-TV CHANNEL 18






Viva La Siesta

I choose Santa Barbara Airport because its so easy to mellow in Mexico.






Play some tennis, take a swim, learn to dance, get yourself trim!

Want to be more active, meet new people and have more fun? Then check out the fall programs offered by the City's Parks and Recreation department.



Swim laps at Los Baños at lunch or after work. Grab a partner for tango or tennis. Join a sports league. Relax with yoga or get fit with cardio Tae-Kwon-Do. Keep your kids on the go with afterschool recreation programs and classes in art, dance, ceramics, music and more.

Get your guide to affordable family fun for after school or any time. Look for your **Parks & Recreation Activity Guide for Fall & Winter 2006-2007** in your mailbox the week of August 14th. Or, go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com for easy internet registration and program information. Guides are also available at the Parks & Recreation offices located at 620 Laguna Street, 100 East Carrillo Street, or at the Cabrillo Bathhouse at 1118 East Cabrillo Boulevard.



Mark your calendar for September 11-15. You won't want to miss the **Open House at the Carrillo Recreation Center**, where all beginning youth and adult classes are **FREE** for the week. Meet our talented instructors, make new friends, and try something new. Plus, you'll have the chance to win \$100 worth of classes, tennis or swim passes or facility rentals by entering our Open House Raffle. The complete schedule of free classes is in the new Activity Guide, or call 897-2519 for more information.

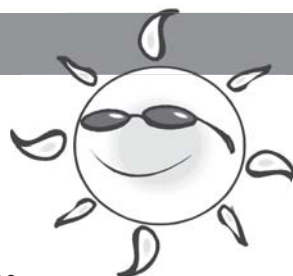
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Summer Energy-Saving Tips!

Summer is here and it is HOT! Follow these five easy tips to conserve energy and still beat the heat!

- Keep drapes and shades closed. The amount of energy required to cool your home will be significantly less!
- Dryers and dishwashers use a lot of heat. Use them in the early mornings or late evenings. And if other heat-generating appliances, such as irons, ovens, and blow dryers, are used only in the early morning or late evening, your home will stay cooler.
- Only use appliances and lights you really need. Even a basic light bulb can add heat to the room.
- Use a microwave oven instead of conventional oven. A microwave oven is an energy-efficient alternative – it cooks food more quickly and it uses 70%-80% less electricity than a regular oven.
- Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or slightly higher. The monthly savings could be between 3%- 5%.



Important Notice!
Many Household Items Now Banned from Trash Disposal



State laws enacted in February ban all batteries, electronic devices, fluorescent lights, and mercury-containing thermostats from ordinary trash disposal. Similar to household hazardous waste like cleaning chemicals, these items contain toxic materials and are not safe to dispose of in landfills.

Businesses and residents in Santa Barbara have numerous disposal options for these items, which must be kept separate from normal trash and recycling containers.

For more information on this important requirement and drop-off locations, please visit our website at www.SBrecycles.org, or give us a call at 897-2542.

“Inside Santa Barbara”
on City-TV Channel 18
Airing August 5th through September 2nd

Program Highlights

- Railroad Track Clean-up
- Foodscrap Program
- Semana Nautica
- Cal-ID Fingerprinting
- Creek Clean-up
- French Festival

For more information, contact City-TV Production Supervisor
Tony Ruggieri at (805) 564-5311, or visit www.citytv18.com.

“Inside Santa Barbara”
New program begins

Saturday, August 5th
at 9:00 P.M.

Airs throughout the month

Monday 8 p.m.
Tuesday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 p.m.
Sunday 10 p.m.

DIRECTORY OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

Area Code: (805)		City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101		Website: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov	
Airport	967.7111	Parks and Recreation	564.5418	Distribution & Collection	
City Administrator	564.5305	Adapted Recreation	564.5421	Water & Sewer Mains	564.5413
City Attorney	564.5326	Adult Sports	564.5422	After Hours	963.4286
City Clerk	564.5309	Aquatics	897.2680	El Estero Wastewater Plant	897.1910
City Employment	564.5316	Community Services	963.7567	Engineering	564.5363
City-TV Channel 18	564.5311	Creeks and Water Quality	897.2658	Graffiti Hotline	897.2513
Community Development	564.5502	Cultural Arts	897.1982	Permit Counter	564.5388
Building & Safety	564.5485	Golf	687.7087	Pot Hole Hotline	897.2630
Housing & Redevelopment	564.5461	Senior Recreation Services	897.2519	Recycling	897.2624
Planning	564.5470	Street Trees	564.5434	Shopping Cart Hotline	1.800.252.4613
Finance	564.5334	Teen Programs	897.2650	Street Light Hotline	564.5416
Business Licenses	564.5346	Tennis	564.5517	Street Maintenance	564.5413
Purchasing	564.5349	Youth Activities	564.5495	Traffic Signal Hotline	564.5417
Water Billing	564.5343	Police	897.2300	Transportation Operations	564.5394
Fire	965.5254	Emergency Use	9-1-1	Transportation Planning	564.5385
Library	962.7653	Public Works	564.5377	Trash Complaints	897.2618
Eastside Branch	963.3727	ABOP Hotline*	560.7505	Water Conservation Hotline	564.5460
Mayor and Council	564.5318	Cater Water Treatment Plant	897.2628	Water Resources Admin.	564.5387
		Downtown Parking	963.1581	Waterfront	564.5531
				Harbor Patrol	564.5530
				Parking	564.5523

*Automotive Products, Batteries, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Latex Paints